

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Aquatic Resources
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

July 28, 2006

Board of Land and
Natural Resources
Honolulu, Hawaii

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE ONE (1) NORTHWESTERN
HAWAIIAN ISLANDS (NWHI) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ACTIVITY PERMIT OR
RESEARCH, MONITORING, AND EDUCATION ACTIVITY PERMIT
TO LEONARD KIMOKEO KAPAHULEHUA OF THE
HAWAIIAN OUTRIGGER CANOE VOYAGING SOCIETY
FOR A CANOE VOYAGE FROM MOKUMANAMANA TO LAYSAN ISLAND.
VALID FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2006

Submitted herewith for your authorization is a request for issuance of a NWHI Access Permit to Leonard Kimokeo Kapahulehua of the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society. This permit will be issued as either a Native Hawaiian Activity Permit or a Research, Monitoring and Education Permit, described below, will allow activity to occur in the NWHI State marine Refuge (0-3 miles) waters surrounding Necker Island (Mokumanamana), French Frigate Shoals, and Laysan Island. The activities covered under this permit will occur approximately from August 5 to 20, 2006, from outrigger canoes and onboard the support vessel the American Islander.

The purpose of this activity is to promote the culture of long distance canoe paddling, to increase the awareness of the NWHI, and to promote and encourage stewardship and efforts to protect and preserve these valuable resources. The goal of the organization is to paddle the entire archipelago. All funds to undertake this activity have been raised by the individual paddlers. The paddling voyage will be documented and the information presented after the voyage to various community gatherings and school groups, as well as in magazine articles, newspapers and on television.

The group will launch the canoe from the escort boat at Mokumanama and paddle non-stop to Laysan Island in approximately four (4) days or ninety (90) hours. There will be 18 paddlers and the crew of the escort vessel engaged in this activity, with an exchange of paddlers approximately every hour.

When filling out the permit application, the applicant checked both the box for the Native Hawaiian Activity Permit and the Special Activity Permit. At this point, it is uncertain as to which permit is the right permit to issue, as this permit does not fit well within any of the parameters of the various permit types.

NWHI Marine Refuge Rules intend to: "allow Native Hawaiian cultural, subsistence, and religious practices, and identification and coordination of Native Hawaiian interests that are consistent with applicable law and the long-term conservation and protection of the resources of the marine refuge."

A Native Hawaiian is defined as "any individual who is a descendant of the aboriginal people who prior to 1778, occupied and exercised sovereignty in the area that now constitutes the State of Hawai'i."

A Special Activity Permit is granted for non-extractive purposes to further the knowledge of resources or which provide for enhanced resources protection for the benefit of resources management.

REVIEW PROCESS:

The permit was received by the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) on June 16, 2006. It was sent out for review and comment to the following entities: Division of Aquatic Resources staff (5), Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Northwest Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Native Hawaiians from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), and Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) were also consulted.

DAR held a meeting of its Native Hawaiian Advisory Group on June 26, 2006 and discussed this permit as one of the Native Hawaiian access permits that needed to be reviewed. Members of the group include representatives from OHA, KIRC, the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, the UH Center for Hawaiian Studies, the UH Hawaiian Languages Program, cultural practitioners and members from the NWHI Reserve Advisory Council's Native Hawaiian Working Group. Attendees at the meeting raised some issues regarding this application. The group was not comfortable with the application as a Native Hawaiian practice and asked for clarification on several points.

As of July 10, 2006, the Division of Aquatic Resources has received comments and questions from its staff biologists, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the State's Native Hawaiian Advisory Group and the State Historic Preservation Division.

A list of concerns and questions were compiled and sent out to the Applicant to seek further clarity. In summary, the following concerns and questions have been raised on this Application:

1. Whether this even qualifies as a Native Hawaiian Activity permit as only 30% of the group are Native Hawaiians.
2. The cultural intent of the permit is not well stated. While canoe paddling is a Hawaiian tradition, paddling to the NWHI with a 100 ft. escort vessel does not appear to be a traditional practice. The request to go to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands driven by the ambition to accomplish something that no one has done before (paddle the entire chain)? How is paddling a traditional and customary practice in the NWHI? In what ways will this be a cultural experience beyond paddling?

3. What was done to prepare for the trip? What types of cultural protocols and history were learned? Applicant has not adequately demonstrated how they will be giving back to the NWHI Island through their cultural practice of paddling.
4. Issues of escort vessel size. Is a 100' tug really necessary as an escort?
5. Further detail is needed on sewage and grey-water tankage, e.g., possession of a Marine Sanitation Device is not sufficient. State Marine Refuge permit terms and conditions specify that there may be *no* intentional sewage discharge within the State's jurisdiction, all sewage must be held in tanks. Is escort vessel tankage sufficient? Will the escort vessel be transiting offshore, leaving the outrigger canoe alone while they pump tanks? How often will this be necessary? How will it be accomplished safely?
6. Issues were raised regarding the proposed video documentary. Where will this be shown? Will it be televised? Will there be profit made from the distribution of this documentary? If there is a profit to be made, then the group will also need to obtain a film permit from the State Film office.
7. A concern was raised that it was clear that Applicant will gain from the experience. But what will they give back to the NWHI? The permit guidelines stipulate that "The activity must have demonstrable benefits to the cultural and spiritual relationship of Native Hawaiians to the Northwestern Hawaiian Island ecosystem", and "The activity must support the perpetuation of traditional knowledge and ancestral connections of the Native Hawaiians to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands". Some reviewers feel that these aspects had not been adequately addressed by the permit application.

On July 19, the Division received from the Applicant three letters that were addressed to Applicant in 2005 and give support to the general mission of the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society. One of them was from Governor Linda Lingle, another from Mr. Robert Bunda, President of the State Senate. These letters are attached hereto as Attachment 1.

On July 16, 2006, the Division of Aquatic Resources received comments in support of this particular Application from Mr. Kawika Elia Ku'ualoa Kapahulehua, a full-blood Native Hawaiian and an uncle of Applicant Kimokeo Kapahulehua. He was also the first captain of the Hokule'a which sailed to Tahiti in June 1976. In his comments, he summarizes the long history of his ancestral family in canoeing to the NWHI areas for cultural and religious purposes and advocates the rights to continue this Native Hawaiian practice. He stresses that although some of the crew members are not Native Hawaiians, "they each have been very dedicated in helping to perpetuate the Hawaiian culture and values in their individual and family lives." He also believes that the paddling experiences can be and have been shared with the children of Hawai'i to let them know they too can learn to use the tools of ancient Hawaiians to travel on the ocean between islands in canoes. His email message is attached hereto as Attachment 2.

Another individual, Robert "Bobby" Gomes, also wrote to give support to the Application. See Attachment 3.

RESPONSE:

The Applicant and the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society (HOCVS) filed their response to the above-mentioned questions on July 17, 2006. The following is a summary of their response. Also see Attachment 4 for the full text of the response.

They claim that they are a diverse group of individuals with mixed cultural backgrounds who share a common appreciation for Hawaiian culture whose objective is nurturing and cultivating through voyaging activities and the cultural/religious practices/instructions and protocols.

The interest in perpetuating the Hawaiian culture, educating others as to the importance, history, uniqueness and significance of the NWHI and the efforts to encourage stewardship of the fragile island state are all central components of its mission statement. It is a self-funded organization that has each of the members (voyagers) responsible in working to achieve the funding levels required to support the long and expensive voyages. Its members do not view the voyages as "recreation", but rather voyages of re-discovery for the purposes of preserving and perpetuating Hawaiian culture.

The group (HOCVS) is lead by Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner Kimokeo Kapahulehua who comes from a distinguished line of ocean voyagers. Kimokeo, under the instruction of his uncle and full blooded Hawaiian Kawika Elia Ku'ualoha Kapahulehua and guidance of his Kumu Ke'lii Taua is following in the paths of his ancestors to travel between all of the Hawaiian Islands by outrigger canoe. Outrigger canoe voyaging and canoe activities were and remain central to Hawaiian culture. An inherent component of this and all other voyages is the cultural and religious practice of conservation and preservation of natural resources. The voyages of re-discovery are meant to cultivate a sense of appreciation, awareness of Hawaiian culture and to promote stewardship by others through education.

While many of the participants in this group are not Native Hawaiians, they all share an appreciation and interest in the perpetuation of Hawaiian culture and are dedicated in applying those values to each of their family lives.

In pre-contact Hawaii canoe trips to the NWHI were done by paddling canoes. This practice has not been done in modern times. By traveling the ancient sea trails and documenting these voyages in the NWHI and presenting this knowledge to the media and to the schools, our voyages will help to protect, preserve and share this precious pristine resources and culturally significant islands with the public.

According to the Applicant, cultural protocols will be followed as the journeys have been well planned and intended to re-trace what the ancestral Hawaiian had to do to survive and to perpetuate their culture. Before each of the journeys the entire crew was educated as to importance of their voyage, the significance of the activities they were about to embark upon and included Hawaiian ceremonial offerings of awa with prayer (pule), chant (oli), song (mele), and gifts (ho'okupu).

The group also claims that the 100'tug is really necessary as an escort vessel due to safety concerns. They have researched available vessels for escorts for over 3 years and have found Hawaii lacking in available, affordable options. Last year's voyage had to be cut short of its goal due in part to a lack in range of the escort vessel (Makani Olu). The response further lists several considerations for selecting the escort vessels and concludes that it is a necessity even if it will cost the group the largest part of the budget. The response also addresses the concerns regarding sewage and other discharges.

STAFF DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The staff feels that the determination of whether this permit qualifies as a Native Hawaiian Access Permit needs to be further reviewed and discussed by the Native Hawaiian Advisory Committee. Staff has sent the Applicant's responses to the questions to this group and is awaiting their advice.

The Applicant did not receive a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as the Applicant has indicated that they will not be entering U.S. FWS waters while on this voyage. A copy of this letter is attached.

The Applicant has yet to apply for a permit under the NWHI Marine National Monument. The Monument staff have indicated that there are several key issues that will need to be addressed including the issue of waste water disposal prior to the Applicant being granted a permit.

DAR staff feel that if a determination is made by the State's Native Hawaiian Advisory Group that the Applicant does not qualify under the Native Hawaiian Access Permit, the Applicant would still potentially qualify under the Research, Monitoring and Education Access Permit, as there is an educational component to the proposed voyage. However, this component is secondary to the paddling activity.

At the time of this submittal, staff has not been able to have the needed consultations with the Native Hawaiian Advisory Group and feel that a recommendation is not possible. Over the course of the next week, this consultation will occur and a recommendation will be made by staff at the meeting.

Any approval by the Board of Land and Natural Resources will at this point be subject to also obtaining the necessary permits from the Monument of NOAA.

The staff believes that, if the Board does render a decision to approve the Application, it should be qualified with the following conditions, and Applicant should be required to stipulate thereto:

- 1) The approval of an access permit is granted on a conditional basis with reservations, pending the approval and issuance of permits by NOAA.
- 2) Access is limited to the Necker Island (Mokumanamana), French Frigate Shoals, Laysan Island, and to State waters thereof;

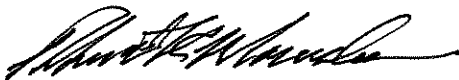
- 3) Any anchoring of vessels at these islands, if necessary, shall be made on sand or rocky substrate only, but not on any corals;
- 4) Any type of fishing, either for subsistence or recreational purpose, is disallowed while in State waters; and
- 5) Applicant is instructed to thoroughly clean vessel hulls prior to departure.

Respectfully submitted,



DAN POLHEMUS
Administrator

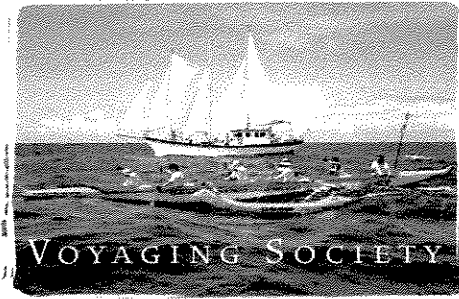
APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL



PETER T. YOUNG
Chairperson

May 31, 2006

Hawaiian OUTRIGGER CANOE VOYAGING SOCIETY



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NWHI State Marine Refuge Permit Coordinator
State of Hawai'i
Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Aquatic Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 330
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Entry permit for August outrigger canoe voyage from Mokumanana to Laysan

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed our completed application for entry into the NWHI Refuge area. Our application was delayed due to logistical concerns and funding issues, that were not resolved until recently. Please note I have checked two separate categories (Native Hawaiian and Special Activity) because it was unclear to me which was most appropriate for our activity and request.

I am a native Hawaiian and one of the co-founders of the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society (HOCVS). Our group is comprised of a mix of individuals from various islands in Hawaii as well as members from California, New York and Florida. Approximately 30% of our members are persons of Hawaiian ancestry.

As noted in the application our permit request does not fit easily into the types and guidelines as presented. We are a group of individuals who have formed a non-member corporation, governed by a board of directors who have made application for tax-exempt, non-profit status under the Federal IRS 501(c) (3) guidelines. Our mission and purpose is to promote the culture of long distance Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling, to encourage stewardship and protection of our State's fragile marine environment, to increase public awareness of the Northwest Hawaiian Islands and to promote their protection and preservation with a spirit of aloha. We accomplish our mission by engaging in long distance inter-island canoe voyages, supported by an escort boat and support crew, by producing video and other presentations that are presented to the public and by media coverage of our activities. We are non-invasive, request no permission to make landfall at any location in the NWHI and confine our activities to our canoe and the ocean. As part of our mission we have undertaken a self-sponsored, multi-year journey to connect all the islands in the Hawaiian archipelago by outrigger canoe voyaging. To date we have completed voyages linking all the islands and waterways between the Big Island of

Hawaii and Mokumanamana. What remains are (2) 450 miles voyages that will complete this part of our mission. This summer's voyage will be from Mokumanamana to Laysan and next year's voyage will go from Laysan to Kure Atoll.

The individual members our society are responsible for helping to organize and raise the funds necessary to underwrite the significant expenses for these voyages. Our major expense is the cost of our escort vessel. In prior years we have raised funds to build our own voyaging canoe and fund prior voyages. We are developing a relationship with American Marine Inc. and will be chartering the American Islander for the August voyage.

If you have any questions about this permit application, or need additional information, please contact me at 808-276-7219.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,



Kimokeo Kapahulehua

APPENDIX 1

**State of Hawai'i
DLNR
Northwestern Hawaiian Islands State Marine
Refuge
Permit Application Form
Draft**

<i>For Office Use Only</i>
Permit No:
Expiration date:
Date Appl. Received: 6/6/2006
Appl. Fee received: N/A
NWHI Permit Review Committee date:
Board Hearing date:
Post to web date:

Type of Permit

- ☐ I am applying for a **Research, Monitoring & Education** permit. (Complete and mail Application)
- ☐ This application is for a NEW project in the State Marine Refuge.
- ☐ This application is for an ANNUAL RENEWAL of a previously permitted project in the State Marine Refuge.
- ☒ I am applying for a permit for a **Native Hawaiian** permit. (Complete and mail Application)
- ☒ This application is for a NEW project in the State Marine Refuge.
- ☐ This application is for an ANNUAL RENEWAL of a previously permitted project in the State Marine Refuge.
- ☒ I am applying for a **Special Activity** permit. (Complete and mail Application)
- ☒ This application is for a NEW project in the State Marine Refuge.
- ☐ This application is for an ANNUAL RENEWAL of a previously permitted project in the State Marine Refuge.

Briefly describe **Special permit** activity:

When will the NWHI activity take place?

- ☐ **Summer** (May-July of _____ (year))
Note: Permit request must be received before February 1st
Specific dates of expedition _____
- ☒ **Fall** (August-November) of 2006 (year)
Note: Permit request must be received before May 1st
Specific dates of expedition August 5-16, 2006
- ☐ **Other**

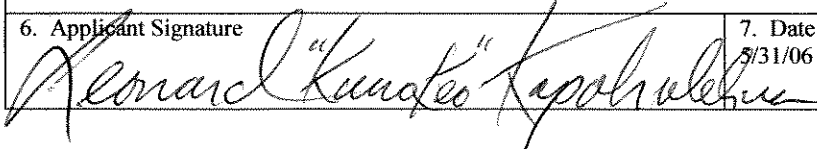
NOTE: INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Please Send Permit Applications to:

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See Appendix 2 for Application Instructions

Section A – Applicant Information	
1. Project Leader (attach Project Leader's CV or resume) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CV attached Kapahulehua, Leonard, Kimokeo Name: Last, First, Middle Initial	Project Leader Title
2. Mailing Address (Street/PO Box, City, State, Zip) c/o Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society 33 Wahelani Street Kula, Hawaii 96790	Telephone (808-870-5671/ or 808-276-7219) Fax (808-878-6985) Email Address woodburnj001@hawaii.rr.com
3. Affiliation (Institution/Agency/Organization) Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society	For graduate students, Major Professor 's Name & Telephone n/a
4. Sub-Permittee/Assistant Names, Affiliations, and Contact Information <input type="checkbox"/> CV or resume attached List of all paddlers delivered with original application which was dropped off at your offices.	
5. Project Title Outrigger Canoe voyage from Mokumanamana to Laysan Island	
6. Applicant Signature 	7. Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 5/31/06

Section B: Project Information
8. (a) Project Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NWHI State Marine Refuge (0-3 miles) waters surrounding: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nihoa Island <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Necker Island (Mokumanamana) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> French Frigate Shoals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laysan <input type="checkbox"/> Maro <input type="checkbox"/> Gardner Pinnacles <input type="checkbox"/> Lisianski Island, Neva Shoal <input type="checkbox"/> Pearl and Hermes Atoll <input type="checkbox"/> Kure Atoll, State Wildlife Refuge <input type="checkbox"/> Other NWHI location
Describe project location (include names, GPS coordinates, habitats, depths and attach maps, etc. as appropriate). Our escort vessel (American Islander) will transport paddle teams, support staff and canoe to Mokumanamana. We will launch the canoe at Mokumanamana and paddle approximately 90 hours to Laysan Island. At Laysan we will re-load the canoe onto the escort vessel and return to Nawiliwili, Kauai. We will not fish within the reserve or make any landfall. We do intend to paddle around each island we come to and will be within the 3nm. Limit. This voyage is a continuation of a 4 year project to connect all islands in the Hawaiian archipelago via outrigger canoe voyaging in an effort to educate, promote stewardship and awareness of our island state.

(b) check all actions to be authorized:

☒ Enter the NWHI Marine Refuge waters

☐ Take (harvest) ☐ Possess ☐ Transport (☐ Inter-island ☐ Out-of-state)

☐ Catch ☐ Kill ☐ Disturb ☐ Observe

☒ Anchor (if necessary) ☐ Land (go ashore) ☐ Archaeological research

☐ Interactions with Sea Turtles or Monk Seals ☐ Interactions with Seabirds

☐ Interactions with Live Coral, Ark Shells or Pearl Oysters

☐ Interactions with Jacks, Grouper or Sharks

☒ Conduct Native Hawaiian religious and/or cultural activities -- onboard the escort vessel and canoe, not on land.

☒ Other activities to paddle our 6-man outrigger canoe from Mokumanamana to Laysan Island.

(c) Collection of specimens -- collecting activities (would apply to any activity):

Organisms or objects (List of species, if applicable, add additional sheets if necessary):

Common name	Scientific name	No. & size of specimens	Collection Location(s)
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N/A

(d) What will be done with the specimens after the project has ended?

N/A

(e) Will the organisms be kept alive after collection? ☐ yes ☐ no N/A

- Specific site/location

- Is it an open or closed system? ☐ open ☐ closed N/A
- Is there an outfall? ☐ yes ☐ no
- Will these organisms be housed with other organisms? If so, what are the other organisms?

(Please attach additional documentation as needed to complete the questions listed below)

9. Purpose/Need/Scope:

- State purpose of proposed activities: To promote the culture of long distance outrigger canoe paddling, to increase public awareness of the NWHI, to promote and encourage stewardship and to support efforts to protect and preserve these valuable resources.

Describe how your proposed activities will help provide information or resources to fulfill the State Marine Refuge purpose and to reach the Refuge goals and objectives.

- Give reasons why this activity must take place in the NWHI and cannot take place in the Main Hawaiian Islands, or elsewhere.

See addendum already submitted

- Describe context of this activity, include history of the science for these questions and background.

See addendum already submitted

- Explain the need for this activity and how it will help to enhance survival or recovery of refuge wildlife and habitats.

See addendum already submitted

- Describe how your proposed project can help to better manage the State Marine Refuge.

See addendum already submitted

10. Procedures (include equipment/materials)

See addendum already submitted

11. Funding sources (attach copies budget & funding sources).

See addendum already submitted

12. List all literature cited in this application as well as all other publications relevant to the proposed project.

See addendum already submitted

13. What types of insurance do you have in place? (attach documentation)

- ☐ Wreck Removal Hull and machinery and liability – to be presented to American Marine via certificate of insurance.
- ☐ Pollution

14. What certifications/inspections do you have scheduled for your vessel? (attach documentation)

☐ Rat free ☐ tender vessel ☐ gear/equipment

☐ Hull inspection ☐ ballast water per American Marine

15. Other permits (list and attach documentation of all other required Federal or State permits).

none, USFWS permit not required, no landfall requested.

16. Project's relationship to other research projects within the NWHI State Marine Refuge, National Wildlife Refuge, NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, or elsewhere.

none

Section C: Logistics	
17. Time Frame: August 5, 2006	
Project Start Date August 5, 2006	Project Completion Date August 16, 2006
Dates actively inside the State Marine Refuge. August 7-14, 2006 – depending on weather, paddle rate and progress, swells and currents	
Personnel schedule in the State Marine Refuge (describe who will be where and when). 6 members will be in the canoe at all times, the balance of our team will be on board the American Islander. Crew rotations are made every hour with the use of a 6-8 person zodiac, powered by a 4-stroke Honda motor.	
18. Gear and Materials	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dive equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Isotopes Gear will include: outrigger canoe, safety equipment, camera and video equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Collecting Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Chemicals (specify types)	
19. Fixed installations and instrumentation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transect markers <input type="checkbox"/> Acoustic receivers NONE <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	
20. Provide a time line for sample analysis, data analysis, write-up and publication of information.	
N/A	
21. Vessel Information:	
Vessel Name <u>American Islander</u> IMO Number <u>N/A</u>	
Vessel Owner <u>American Marine</u> Flag <u>US</u>	
Captain's Name <u>Paul Burnett</u> Chief Scientist or Project Leader _____	
Vessel Type <u>tug</u> Call sign <u>WDC 5089</u>	
Length <u>100'</u> Gross tonnage <u>98</u>	
Port of Embarkation <u>Nawiliwili</u>	
Last port vessel will have been at prior to this embarkation <u>Nawiliwili</u>	
Total Ballast Water Capacity: Volume <u>700</u> m3 Total number of tanks on ship <u>3</u>	
Total Fuel Capacity: <u>21,000</u> Total number of fuel tanks on ship <u>6</u>	
Other fuel/chemicals to be carried on board and amounts: motor oil, 200 gallons	

Number of tenders/skiffs aboard and specific type of motors (1) 16' Boston Whaler with 4-stroke 90 hp., (1) 6-8 person zodiac with 4-stroke 25 hp Honda motor

Does the vessel have the capability to hold sewage and grey-water? Describe in detail.USCG approved marine sanitation device (MSD)

Does the vessel have a night-time light protocol for use in the NWHI? Describe in detail (attach additional pages as necessary)

Minimum light required to maintain visual contact between the escort vessel and the outrigger canoe

On what workboats (tenders) will personnel, gear and materials be transported within the State Marine Refuge?

n/a

How will personnel, gear and materials be transported between ship and shore?

n/a

If applicable, how will personnel be transported between islands within any one atoll?

n/a

Personal Resume for Leonard Kimokeo Kapahulehua

Leonard Kimokeo Kapahulehua
Born 12/15/47 and raised on Kauai
Currently resides on Kihei Maui.

College:

Graduate of the Church College of Hawaii, 1970

Interests:

Hawaiian Culture, Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging, Youth programs, coastal preservation, stewardship of the Hawaiian Islands, preservation of Hawaiian Culture, Fishpond restoration, reforestation of native forests, restoration of taro loi in Hanakahao Valley, Maui.

Activities:

Founder of the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society, Founder of Cycle to the Sun, Founder of the Celebration of Canoes, President of the Board of Directors for the Maui Fishpond, Board member of the Kihei Canoe Club, Board member of the Maui Coastal Land Trust, Board member of the Hui Wa'a Kaulua (Maui sailing canoe)

Awards:

NOAA – 2005 National Volunteer of the Year for the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation
NOAA – 1999 Congressional Volunteer award for work on Coastal Restoration
2005 Kihei Community Association Volunteer of the Year award
2000 State of Hawaii, Volunteer of the Year award for work with Youth Groups and the environment

Work:

Cultural Resource Manager for the Fairmont Kea Lani
Private Escort for the Fairmont Kea Lani
Principal with Hana Pono – an LLC working on Cultural Assessments for various projects/developments statewide.

Contact Information:

Cell phone 808-276-7219
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1544 Kihei, Hawaii 96753

DLNR permit application, additional information.

Item 4.

As noted in the cover letter we are not a scientific, data/sampling collection project.

Other members of the paddling team include:

Donny Abernathy – Restaurant Manager, 446 Ploulani Drive, Wailuku Hawaii 357-6421

Chris Luedi – G.M. Fairmont Kea Lani, 482-A Kaiola Place, Kihei, Hi. 875-2256

Chris Smith – Building contractor, 2342 L. Kula Rd. Kula, Hi 878-1696

George Rixey – Architect, 1178 Uluniw Rd. Kihei, Hi 891-8161

Terry Quisenberry – Builder, 1499 W.Kuiaha Rd., Haiku, Hi. 575-2930

Jeff Meadows – Lifeguard Capt., 31 Wahelani Street, Kula, Hi. 96790

Mike Spalding – Realtor, 75B N.Church St. Wailuku, Hi 96793 242-5788

Kimokeo Kapahulehua, Cultural leader P.O. box 1544 Kihei, Hi 276-7219

Jamie Woodburn, Realtor 33 Wahelani St. Kula, Hi 878-6985

Josh Circle Woodburn – Landscape architect 33 Wahelani St. Kula 878-6985

Scott Woodburn – sports trainer 630 NE. 17th Ave, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 954-654-7381

Frank Negri – Personal trainer 225 West 86th St. NY,NY 520-490-6229

Pepe Trask – Attorney, consultant P.O. Box 492 Anahola, Hi. 822-2103

Kahaku Kaiiminauo – student, PO Box 597 Koloa, Hi 645-0071

Kendall Struxness – contractor, P.O Box 1077 Hanalei, Hi 645-0442

Matt Muirhead – insurance agent, 683 Prospect Heights, Santa Cruz CA. 831-426-1325

Dave Lostulot - insurance agent, c/o 683 Prospect Heights, Santa Cruz, CA

Kamakea Han – PIO Box 172 Hoolehua, Hi 567-6632

Item 9.

The Hawaiian Outrigger canoe voyaging society began its effort to promote stewardship and awareness as to the fragile condition of our island state over 5 years ago. To accomplish this task the HOCVS undertook the ambitious effort to paddle the entire Hawaiian archipelago in a series of supported, self-sponsored voyages between all the islands of Hawaii. Once the voyages between the “major” islands was completed over two years ago, attention was focused on the much more difficult task of completing voyages in the Northwest Hawaiian Islands. The first voyage was completed nearly three years ago and took a team of 14 paddlers from Kauai to Nihoa in approximately 27 hours. Paddlers took turns at one hour intervals and paddled continuously until the island was reached. No effort was made to make landfall, as a major focus of the group is to re-trace and rediscover the “sea-trails” used by those who first discovered these remote islands.

The voyage last year, a much more costly and lengthy voyage, again took place in August and took paddlers onboard the escort vessel to Nihoa, where the canoe was launched and then paddled continuously for 32 hours until we reached Mokumanamana.

This summer's voyage, between August 5-16 has been over a year in the planning. The paddling team will be comprised of 18 paddlers from throughout Hawaii and the mainland, who share our vision and interest in raising public awareness and encouraging the preservation and protection of these remote islands. Our escort vessel, the American Islander, will transport the team and canoe to Mokumanamana and escort us for the 90 hour paddle to Laysan. Upon reaching Laysan we will re-load our canoe and proceed back to Kauai. Traditional Hawaiian cultural/canoe blessings and ceremonies will again be held both onboard the escort vessel and the canoe as it approaches the immediate vicinity of our point of debarkation and voyage terminus. Prior to our departure customary and traditional blessings will take place at Nawiliwili Harbor by various kapuna and kahus from across the State.

Our paddling activities are non-invasive and relatively benign in terms of physical impact on the environment. One of our purposes, as stated in our articles of incorporation is to increase public awareness of the NWHI and to promote stewardship and protection of these valuable resources. Video documentaries and photographic presentations at various community gatherings, civic clubs and schools will help address this ambition goal, as will media coverage in local and mainland magazines, television and newspapers.

It is crucial this portion of our voyage take place in the NWHI. It has been our experience that the vast majority of the residents of Hawaii have little if any knowledge as to the existence of the NWHI and what the region encompasses. By documenting our voyages and presenting our information in a concise and educational format it is our expectation to impact upon this level of awareness. We have made a sincere effort to approach this daunting undertaking with all the appropriate levels of respect and cultural awareness and do not view this activity as sport or recreation. We are a group of like minded, serious, mature paddlers with a growing respect and appreciation for Hawaiian culture and with a sincere interest in doing whatever we can to promote the protection and stewardship of these special islands. It is also our expectation that those who we "touch" will extend their practice of stewardship and appreciation to the "major" islands of Hawaii and help to protect the fragile coastal and marine resources found on each island.

The ancients, whether they were from the Marquesas or Society Islands, voyaged to these remote islands with no support and used "sea-trails" and celestial markers to guide them on their journeys. There is no feasible way to replicate their voyages, to present the viewer with the vastness and isolation one experiences in the NWHI without actually being there. Air and water quality are unlike any found in the major islands. The bird populations, barren landscapes, lack of potable water and the impact of the wind, waves and weather are all unique to the NWHI. It is a powerful image to show an island, Mokumanamana for instance, now only approximately 46 acres, and explain that it was once the size of Oahu – a startling contrast in visual imagery and impressions and one many in Hawaii can relate to. Or to show Nihoa with its dramatic sea cliffs and lack of easy access and explain that this was once home to approximately 150 long term residents who farmed sweet potatoes, gather bird eggs, and feathers, fished and lived a subsistence lifestyle while on the island. The terrace imprints are visible from the ocean,

as are the indigenous lolu palms, sheer cliffs on the east and west ends of the island – all of which aid in our presentation and effort to educate, enlighten and encourage our viewers and supporters to join in the effort to preserve and protect this special part of Hawaii.

Public awareness will garner public support which will directly impact on the effort to educate, preserve and protect the NWHI. At the present time the majority of the public has little if any knowledge of the NWHI. Most of the people we interact with, the large majority of which are local, life long residents can not even name 3 islands in the NWHI. None know Hawaii's 5th lake is on Laysan, few know or believe people actually lived on Nihoa and almost none of them know the vastness, distance or how far to the northwest our island state reaches. Our effort to educate others, to promote stewardship both here and with the effort in the NWHI can only support the efforts of those working so hard at the State and Federal level to protect and preserve the NWHI. Recent efforts to educate the public by NOAA, and Cousteau have begun to help make people aware of the NWHI and the issues that exist. Our effort is one more attempt to support those in place with a much more "intimate" experience between man and the environment as we make our journey in a traditional six-man outrigger canoe and move at approximately 5.5 mph.

Item 10.

As with all prior voyages our "procedure" is to launch our canoe at the terminus of our prior voyage, this time that is in the vicinity of Mokumanamana, and to paddle non-stop to Laysan Island, a journey of approximately 450 miles. We have initiated a practice of "dead-stop" crew changes facilitated by the use of an inflatable zodiac, powered by a 4-stroke engine which is towed behind and alongside the escort vessel while the canoe is in the water. Crew changes are made every hour with any required rest stops determined based on crew's physical condition, stamina, weather and safety concerns. The voyage should take approximately 90 hours (approximately 4 days), at which time we should reach Laysan where we will reload our canoe onboard the tug and turn to return to Kauai. Our canoe will be outfitted with LED lights, two –way radios, flares, weather canvas, hand operated bilge pumps and any other safety gear determined necessary. Our medical emergency kit will include all materials necessary to address most emergencies we would expect to find at sea (hyperthermia, dehydration, exhaustion, abrasions, punctures, scrapes, broken bones, a defib unit, sutures, anti-inflammatory medications, pain medication, antibacterial ointments and medication, local anesthetics) and any other supplies as recommended by our medical consultants.

Our intent is to progress through the waters of the NWHI as quickly as possible with the least amount of impact. Any unscheduled rest periods will be for safety purposes only. We do not engage in any scientific research, collection of specimens or deploy any markers or items that remain in the water. Our lighting is the minimum required to support our visibility so that our escort boat can remain in visible contact with us at all times. Ideally we are always within one-quarter mile of our escort vessel.

Item 11.

We are a self-funded, self sponsored organization. Funds to support the expense of the voyage are raised by means of pledges and donations by team members and those who support our efforts. Fund raising is conducted for the year prior to the voyage and require that each of the 18 paddlers raise a minimum of \$5,000, with the balance required raised by other members of the team. The budget for this year's voyage includes the following expenses:

Expenses:

Escort vessel	\$55,000
Fuel	\$22,000
Insurance	\$ 1,000
Inter-island air	\$ 3,500
Photographer	\$ 5,000
PR, Educational documentary	\$ 5,000
Safety gear	\$ 5,000
Zodiac, motor	\$ 5,000
Food	\$ 5,000
Clothing, gear	\$ 2,500
Misc.	\$ 1,000
Total voyage expense:	\$110,000

Income:

Paddler donations, pledges	\$110,000
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12. Reference materials: No specific references were cited as part of this presentation. However the following sources are used to support our efforts and used as reference sources for information used to educate our team members and those we interact with.

References:

Isles of Refuge by Mark J. Rauzon
Feathered Gods and Fishhooks by Patrick Vinton Kirch
The Hawaiian Canoe by Tommy Holmes
The Sky Tonight by Samuel E. Rhoads
The Natural History of Nihoa and Necker Islands by Meal Evenhuis and
Lucius Eldredge
Sailing in the wake of the Ancestors by Ben Finney
Voyage of Rediscovery by Ben Finney
Archaeology of Nihoa and Necker Islands by Kenneth Emory
Maui No Ka Oi Magazine
Personal accounts of Kawika Kapahulehua

Personal accounts of Herb Kane
Personal accounts of Kimokeo Kapahulehua
Personal accounts of Ke'lii Taua and Kaneala Akaka

Item 17.

Please note our time frame is approximate and will vary depending on boat speed, current, weather conditions, ocean swell size and direction and the conditions of the respective paddlers. Every effort has been made to estimate accurately based on prior voyages. American Marine assisted in the calculation of the voyage duration based on their knowledge of the NWHI and our described route. Any adjustments to the timeline will be made based on issues relating to personal safety.

Item 18.

Our contact at American Marine is Neil Williams. We have asked that he submit All required information to you in support of this permit application.

For additional information please contact Jamie Woodburn at 808-870-5671.



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 7, 2005

Mr. Jamie Woodburn
33 Wahelani Street
Kula, Hawaii 96790

Dear Mr. Woodburn:

Thank you for your letter of February 4, 2005, regarding your request to undertake a long distance canoe voyage from Nihoa Island to Tern Island at French Frigate Shoals in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. I am very pleased and supportive of the creation of the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society. The mission and purpose of this organization is truly inspiring.

While I am supportive of your efforts to perpetuate Hawaiian culture, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands are a fragile and important ecosystem that needs to be protected. We are in the process of developing regulations that would eventually require your organization to not only obtain permits from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, but also to seek access permits to this region from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. It is unlikely that this permit process will be institutionalized by the time of your voyage, but as you seek access to journey further up the chain, these permits will be required.

The plants and animals of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands are unique in the world both on land and in the waters. It is critical that all precautions be taken to ensure that your activities are compatible with the fragile nature of the ecosystem. The mission of the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society indicates that you will do this by promoting respect and stewardship for the ocean and island environment. It is with these parameters in mind that I support your request to obtain a special use permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

I wish you a successful and safe journey and wish your organization all the best in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

Office of the President
The Senate
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii



February 8, 2005

Dominique Aycock Horwath
Refuge Operations Specialist
Pacific Remote Island NWR Complex
P.O. Box 50167
Honolulu, HI 96850

Dear Ms. Horwath

It is my pleasure to write in support of the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society's application for a special use permit from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

The Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society is a new but very active organization made up of a highly dedicated group of individuals who seek to perpetuate the longstanding Hawaiian tradition of long distance voyaging. These individuals have worked long and hard to sharpen their skills and have gained much experience in arranging long distance outrigger canoe voyages between the Big Island and Wailea to Hanalei Bay and Nihoa Island. They have much to contribute to the preservation of Native Hawaiian voyaging traditions and I wholeheartedly support their efforts.

Should your agency issue the special use permit to the Society, it is my firm belief that your agency will be contributing to the further perpetuation of the rich Hawaiian cultural traditions that make our island State so unique. By allowing the Society to perpetuate Hawaiian culture while promoting proper stewardship for the ocean, your agency will also be furthering its own important interests in protecting our ocean resources and reserve system.

I am fully confident that the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society will be responsible stewards of the ocean as they seek to perpetuate Hawaiian culture and I hope you will give their application every consideration in your deliberations. Mahalo.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Bunda", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Bunda
Senate President

Herb Kawainui Kāne

Box 163, Captain Cook, Hawai'i 96704

Phone & fax 808 328 9126

Email herbkane@kona.net

10 May, 2005

Jamie Woodburn
33 Wahealani St.
Kula, HI 96790

Dear Jamie,

Thanks for informing me about the paddling voyage you have done and that which you propose.

What you propose is an exciting and worth while project that will help broaden our horizon toward the Leeward Hawaiian Islands and help draw public attention to their fragile ecosystems, and do so in a manner that is consistent with Hawaiian culture and traditions.

You may quote me on the above.

Aloha pumehana

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Herb Kawainui Kāne". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "H" and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.



"Tavita & Zeni Iese"
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To <Athline.M.Clark@hawaii.gov>
cc <kapubully@aol.com>, <woodburnj001@hawaii.rr.com>,
<Moani.Pai@noaa.gov>, <Jill.Zamzow@noaa.gov>,
<Bin.Li@hawaii.gov>

bcc

Subject Application for permit to NWHI

History: This message has been replied to.

Athline M. Clark
Special Projects Program Manager
Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources
Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl St. Rm. 330
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

July 12, 2006

Aloha Athline of DLNR and All of the Members of the Biological and Cultural Review Committee,

My name is Kawika Elia Ku'ualoha Kapahulehua. I am the uncle of Kimokeo Kapahulehua on his father's side of the family. I was the first captain of the Hokule'a which sailed to Tahiti in June 1976. We just celebrated the 30th year of that historical event. James Kimokeo is the uncle of Kimokeo Kapahulehua on his mother's side of the family. James was also a marine captain for Hawaiian Dredging Company for many years. Kimokeo Kapahulehua's ancestors on both sides of his family are aboriginal Hawaiians "Kanaka Maoli". Kimokeo is following in the paths of his ancestors to travel between each of the islands on canoe. The ancient Hawaiians travelled to each of the islands on a regular basis in canoes. During the summer months, the ancient Hawaiians often travelled to the Northern Hawaiian Islands to keep cool. Kimokeo has already paddled to the islands of: Hawai'i, Mau'i, Moloka'i, Lana'i, Kaho'olawe, O'ahu, Kaua'i, Ni'ihau, Nihoa, and Mokumanamana in a six men canoe with men and women of Hawaiian and other ancestral backgrounds. These travels were not for recreational purposes. These journeys were well planned and documented to retrace what our Hawaiian ancestors had to do to survive and to perpetuate our cultural. Before each of the journeys a Hawaiian ceremonial offering of awa with prayer (pule), chant (oli), song (mele), gift (ho'okupu) were done to show respect and thanks to the Gods (Na Akua), the guardians (na aumakua), and the elders (na kupuna). The Hawaiian people were very respectful of everything around them. The land ('aina), the sky (lani), and the sea (kai) were very important especially the sun (la), the moon (mahina), the stars (na hoku), the wind (makani), the rain (ua), the ocean current (au) were used to direct the travels on the open ocean. Our ancestors would be very proud to know they have not been forgotten and someone has continued to do what they have taught.

On every one of the travels the crew were safely guided to and from each of the islands. The journey to the French Frigate Shoals is to continue to reaffirm that the ancient Hawaiians were very intelligent people and learned and taught each other how to travel on the open seas in canoes. This journey does qualify for a Native Hawaiian permit because there are crew members who are "descendants of the aboriginal people who prior to 1778 occupied and exercised sovereignty in the area that now constitutes the State of Hawai'i". Although many of the crew members are not Native Hawaiians they each have been very dedicated in helping to perpetuate the Hawaiian culture and values in their individual and family lives. Each one of the crew members are strong active members of their communities and have continued to support and perpetuate the Hawaiian Culture in whatever they do.

As Kimokeo's uncle, I, Kawika Elia Ku'ualoha Kapahulehua a full-blooded Hawaiian who also continues to speak the old traditional Hawaiian Language along with all of my ancestors support Kimokeo Kapahulehua and his crew to make this important Hawaiian Cultural Journey to the French Frigate Shoals (Kure) Island

because in our own family genealogy we have had many, many who travelled on the ocean in canoes.

These experiences can and have been shared with the children of Hawai'i to let them know they too can learn to use the tools of ancient Hawaiians to travel on the ocean between islands in canoes and survive.

Your full support in permitting Kimokeo and his crew to paddle to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands will make our ancestors very happy and will also help to promote the education of all the children in Hawai'i and elsewhere of these journeys. With the help of Ke Akua everything is possible.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Kawika Kapahulehua

July 17, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in full support of Kimokeo Kapahulehua's request for a permit to enter the State of Hawaii ocean waters of the Northwest Hawaiian Islands (NWHI).

I have been personally meeting with Kimokeo for the past two years regarding his upcoming voyage to the NWHI. As one of the few individuals who has a federal commercial fishing access permit to the NWHI, I have over 15 years experience navigating both the state and federal waters within the now National Marine Monument. We have studied currents, winds, tides, and natural weather occurrences. It is my opinion that he is more than qualified to make this voyage.

I am proud to associate myself with Kimokeo as he is constantly inspiring our youth and educating our community by his actions and commitment. He is intimately involved in Hawaiian ocean and land projects, i.e., the restoration of the Kihei fishponds, reforestation project with youth. By accomplishing his mission, he will be educating the community and thus certainly provide a sense of pride to our youth. Actions speak louder than words!

In addition, I believe not many people can meet the physical demands this voyage requires. When it comes to a canoe voyage as this, the question is; who willing, able and physically fit to make this voyage. The fact that Kimokeo Kapahulehua has trained for and provided an opportunity to Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians to participate paddling the Hawaiian Islands, including the NWHI should be supported. This project has garnered the support and assistance from many. The question should be, what can the NWHI give and provide to the Hawaiian community? Connection to these islands is his birthright, not something he should have to prove. The fact that non-Hawaiians would be participating should be inconsequential. The fact that he has support should be applauded. Our community visually experiencing the vast area and remoteness through photos, and film only gains respect for the NWHI.

Instead of finding ways to prevent Kimokeo, a native Hawaiian, from voyaging the NWHI, this committee should be finding ways to assist him.

Sincerely,



Robert "Bobby" Gomes

Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society
Responses to concerns and questions

1. Native Hawaiian Permit: The group (HOCVS) is lead by Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner Kimokeo Kapahulehua who comes from a distinguished line of ocean voyagers. Kimokeo, under the instruction of his Uncle and full blooded Hawaiian Kawika Elia Ku'ualoha Kapahulehua and guidance of his Kumu Ke'lii Taua is following in the paths of his ancestors to travel between all of the Hawaiian islands by outrigger canoe. Outrigger canoe voyaging and canoe activities were and remain central to Hawaiian culture. An inherent component of this and all other voyages is the cultural and religious practice of conservation and preservation of natural resources. Our voyages of re-discovery are meant to cultivate a sense of appreciation, awareness of Hawaiian culture and to promote stewardship by others through education.

Each one of the crew members are strong active members of their communities and have continued to support and perpetuate the Hawaiian culture in whatever they do. While many of the participants in this group are not Native Hawaiians, they all share an appreciation and interest in the perpetuation of Hawaiian culture and are dedicated in applying those values to each of their family lives.. For example, one individual is the general manager of two hotels on two islands and has brought much of the cultural elements to his staff of over 1,000 as well as to thousands of island visitors throughout the years.

2. Cultural intent of the permit: Kawika Elia Ku'ualoha Kapahulehua has shared his manao and experiences with all members of the voyaging society. It is his position that many traveled between the NWHI in both sailing and outrigger canoes, particularly in the summer months in search of cooler weather, and for subsistence activities. Archaeological evidence would suggest there were resident as well as transient populations on the island of Nihoa. Mokumanamana, was also frequented by outrigger canoe voyages, where evidence of numerous religious shrines stand as testament to the cultural significance of this powerful island. Hawaiians of old used the wa'a as their primary means of transportation. In pre-contact Hawaii canoe trips to the NWHI were done by paddling canoes. This practice has not been done in modern times. By traveling the ancient sea trails and documenting these voyages in the NWHI and presenting this knowledge to the media and to the schools, our voyages will help to protect, preserve and share this precious pristine resources and culturally significant islands with the public.

3. Cultural protocols: These journeys were well planned and intended to re-trace what the ancestral Hawaiian had to do to survive and to perpetuate their culture. Before each of the journeys the entire crew was educated as to importance of their voyage, the significance of the activities they were about to embark upon and included Hawaiian ceremonial offerings of awa with prayer (pule), chant (oli), song (mele), and gifts (ho'okupu). These ceremonies were done to show respect and thanks to the Gods (Na Akua), the guardians (na aumakua), and the elders (na Kupuna). The Hawaiian people were very respectful of everything around them. The land ('aina), the sky(lani), and the

sea (kai) were very important, especially the sun (la), the Moon (mahina), the stars (na hoku), the wind (makani), the rain (ua), the ocean current (au) were used to direct the travels on the open ocean. In the words of Kawika Elia Ku'ualoha Kapahulehua, (the) "ancestors would be very proud to know they have not been forgotten and that someone has continued to do what they had taught".

One very significant gift "ho'okupu" that is being offered by this group is the fact that a lot of effort and expense and time is being dedicated to travel by traditional paddling canoe into these waters for the first time in 100 years. Many people do not know about the NWHI. Many people however are familiar with canoe paddling. It will be another tool to educate people and school children on how these islands are a part of Hawaii Nui. Cultural protocols of cleansing Hi'uwai are associated practices for each voyage.

4. Escort vessel: Is a 100'tug really necessary as an escort? Yes – safety is paramount to any voyage in the NWHI, particularly as you get further from any "safety nets" associated with proximity to major land masses. The voyage will take us approximately 800 miles from Kauai into waters which are both unpredictable and treacherous. We have researched available vessels for escorts for over 3 years and have found Hawaii sadly lacking in available, affordable options. Last year's voyage had to be terminated short of its goal due in part to a lack in range of the escort vessel (Makani Olu). The requirements for our voyage include the ability to transport our 40-foot wa'a on the deck of the vessel, a manageable means to launch and retrieve the wa'a upon the completion of the voyage, the need to transport, and house a paddling crew of (16), a support crew of (4) and a working vessel crew of (4), space to store and launch our support zodiac and other voyage equipment and supplies. Additionally the vessel needs to have sufficient fuel and water storage to complete a voyage of approximately 1,600 miles round trip. Based on our research there are very few vessels in Hawaii that are capable of meeting these requirements. Our escort vessel this year is the most expensive component of the voyage and will cost the team over \$90,000. This alone has been a formidable task in raising the funds required to underwrite this expense, an effort supported by each member of the paddling crew.

5. Escort vessel details/concerns: Based on discussions with staff of American Marine, the owners of the American Islander, our escort vessel, they will fully comply with all regulations pertaining to sewage, pumping and discharge. No sewage will be discharged at any time within waters of the reserve. Pumping of the 300 gallon holding tank can easily be done when the vessel is further than 3 miles offshore of any island. The escort vessel will remain in close proximity to the paddling team at all times. In the event pumping of the tanks is required and the team is within the boundaries of the reserve, the course of the canoe will be adjusted and taken outside the reserve in order to complete the task of pumping outside the reserve boundaries. Normally "grey-water", sinks and showers, is discharged directly overboard. If this is a new concern that requires an adjustment to this practice, provisions will be made to accommodate whatever the new requirements are.

6. Documentation/video: HOCVS has retained the services of a professional photographer to document the voyage and to compile the required educational/DVD components that will enable us to meet our educational objectives. There will be no sales of any materials. All DVD, videos, slide shows and other visual presentations will be strictly for the purposes of sharing the information we gather and used to address our voyage objectives (cultural, educational, environmental). A short promotional DVD will be compiled from video and still images and used to promote the voyage in our presentations to potential sponsors. Any televised portions of our voyage would also be used to address voyage objectives. There will be no monetary gain realized by any member of the paddling crew.

7. What will be given back to the NWHI? One of the gifts that will be returned to the NWHI is the gift of public awareness, support and appreciation. It is clear to every member of the paddling team that few people in Hawaii, regardless of their cultural heritage, know very little if anything about the NWHI, the preserve or the newly created monument. Even fewer know where they are, how many islands/atolls exist, their location or their names. Another gift that will result from the introduction of paddlers in a traditional wa'a entering these waters is that we will do so very unobtrusively with little or no impact. We feel that by paddling we will be complimenting other cultural journey's into the preserve such as the Hokulea. The gift to the NWHI will be in the fulfillment of the mission of preserving and protection these islands and reefs through education. As a direct result of this voyage the NWHI and all those governmental and private agencies engaged in the efforts to preserve and protect these precious resources will acquire new "ambassadors" who will work actively to support their efforts and to educate others in our State about this very special place. Presentations will be made to public and private schools, civic clubs and any other forum receptive to receiving our materials intended to present the cultural and spiritual relationship of these islands to the Hawaiian community and their place in present day Hawaii. The use of the traditional wa'a further accentuates these connections and presents an intimate relationship between the wa'a, the ocean, our ohana, the elements and the islands of the NWHI. Incorporated in our presentations will be information about the history of the islands, their religious and cultural significance and how they supported the Native Hawaiian community.